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TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 784: Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

Assembly Bill 784 was introduced on January 22, 2016, and referred to the Assembly Committee on Mental Health Reform. The Committee held a public hearing on the bill on January 25, 2016, and recommended the bill for passage on February 1, 2016, by a vote of 10 to 0.

BACKGROUND

Under 2005 Act 25, the Legislature provided \$1,000,000 GPR in 2005-06 and \$1,500,000 GPR in 2006-07 to the UW System to support Alzheimer's research. This funding was provided on an ongoing basis.

The Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC), located at UW-Madison, is one of 31 such centers funded by the National Institute on Aging within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These centers work to translate research advances into improved diagnosis and care for people with Alzheimer's disease with the long-term goal of finding methods to cure and to prevent the disease. The Wisconsin ADRC is a partnership of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH) and the Veteran's Hospital located in Madison. According to information provided by the Wisconsin ADRC Director, the Center has a total budget of \$1.9 million in the current year. This budget includes \$989,400 from the National Institute on Aging and \$500,000 in state GPR funds. The proposed funding would be used to support novel research studies and to increase volunteer participation in ADRC research.

According to the UW System's annual budget document, additional state funding is used to support faculty and staff in Alzheimer's neuropathology in the Department of Medicine in UWSMPH, Wisconsin Registry for Alzheimer's Prevention (WRAP) project staff also in the Department of Medicine in UWSMPH, and faculty, staff, and other costs related to Alzheimer's research in the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy.

SUMMARY OF BILL

The bill would increase the UW System's GPR appropriation for general program operations by \$50,000 in 2016-17 to provide funding for the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at UW-Madison.

FISCAL EFFECT

The bill would increase the amount appropriated for the UW System by \$50,000 GPR annually beginning in 2016-17.

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